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The Things We Love.

Out of our lives they go,
The sweet, sweet things we love,
We try to hold them, though,
The sweet, sweet things we love.

Out of our lives they go,
Leaving darkness and pain,
Out of our lives they go—
We cry and hold in vain.

Out of our lives, O God!
Thou knowest what it means!
More than the soft green sod,
It may be, intervenes.

Into our lives, again,
Will come the things we love,
Though naught doth whisper when,
These dear, sweet thing we love.

Again into our lives,
Shining with holier light,
When God's own time arrives.
They'll come more fair and bright.

Shining with holier light,
Touched by the hand divine,
No more to leave our sight,
Your dearly loved, and mine.—Sel.

From Farmersville, Ohio.

The fine cut and advertisement in the EVANGELIST, whenever it comes under our observation reminds us that we, as a church, have a College.

It is probably not necessary to say that a church that can not sustain at least one good school, will never amount to much in the way of spreading the gospel. History verifies this statement and reason sustains it.

But why stop to argue this point? An intelligent and progressive people with a very few exceptions will admit it. The most important question seems to be, how to sustain a good school. I will not attempt to dictate. We all dislike dictators; besides they have not much influence for good.

But to make Ashland College a good school and sustain it as such, we should crowd its spacious halls and dormatories with students. Every member of the church and every friend of the College should endeavor to induce students to attend the school. Every minister of the church should have at least intelligence enough to realize the fact that he has superior advantages in working for the College; and that he is expected by the membership to use them. He should endeavor to have each of his congregations represented in the College every school year by one or more pupils.

Ashland College should be free from debt, and be endowed with one or more professorships. All the above except perhaps the endowment could be done in a few months by unity of action. Remember brethren, in union there is strength, in division failure, and general disgrace. It is sinful to delay or fail to discharge our duty to further a good cause.

The College should be encouraged in every honorable way and by every Christian means. We can not succeed as a church without it.

The Executive Committee certainly did the right thing in finally locating the convention at Ashland. Wherever held, if properly managed it will be a great advantage to the place in various ways. Ashland College considering her advantage to the church is entitled to the benefits of the convention rather than any other place in the brotherhood.

A community in the aggregate is generally benefitted socially, morally, intellectually and spiritually by the holding of such meetings in their midst, to say nothing about the incidental financial advantages.

Persons who otherwise would never have seen the College, while attending the convention will have an opportunity to learn the value of the buildings, the beauty of the location and its sanitary advantages. They will very likely appreciate the fact that the College is worthy their active support. Much hard work has been done for the College; and I understand that the debt was all provided for—and the conditions of the notes complied with. The notes should then have been paid without delay, and the debt would have been cancelled. This congregation which was then small, subscribed to Bro. Yoder during his canvass about twenty-five hundred dollars on the debt. They have paid two thousand dollars or more of it, believing that the balance of the notes would be promptly paid and the debt lifted.

Now this delay is all wrong. It damages our school and damages our reputation as to possessing any capacity for business.

Now brethren let us mend the past by doing better in the future. Many of us will go to the convention (no preventing providence.) We are anxious to meet again after a long and through the blessing of our Heavenly Father a successful season of labor. Let us all come prepared to pay our College notes, or if we can not come ourselves, send the money with some friend who is coming. Or send it to the secretary of the board, "David Bailey."

I have no doubt that Southern Ohio will be well represented at the convention.

C. A. COLER.

Trans-Missouri Flashes.

This is Sunday evening, July 31st. Just returned from preaching in M. E. chapel. Subject, "The character of the spirit of Christ."

The drouth continues. Many cornfields and all grain fields are dry enough to burn. Corn will not average over about one bushel to the acre.

The South Haven brethren would be willing to send a delegate themselves to the convention, but are not able. We heard from a few at other places who we think could aid in the matter, but who seem to be unwilling.

We may as well acknowledge facts and therefore state that our cause in a general sense, is not prosperous in Kansas.

We greatly doubt whether the whole state of Kansas will send an endorsed and properly remunerated delegate to the convention, and therefore predict that Bro. Beer's proposition will utterly fail. Wish we were mistaken.

Hope the convention will have disposition and ability to do something in the line of mission work among the poor and much scattered of this state. Help us brethren, if you can.

The German Baptists, we are told have been offered as good as $120,000 on the part of Winfield, Cowley county, if they locate their College there. Wellington, county seat of this (Sumner) Co., we are told has offered $75,000. We think they should be liberal enough to let a Methodist or Presbyterian minister preach sometimes in their church houses, especially in their College chapels. It wouldn't look so much like appreciation for kindness received.

We are told by a real estate agent at Winfield, that a certain member of the College locating committee was quite progressive and liberal in his views in church matters. We would rejoice in the information, were it not for the fact that the same elder, not so very long ago, in installing two deacons and one minister into office, made them promise to wear their clothes and hair in the "order," the hair to be worn in either of the three prescribed styles. Our "views" are often shaped by our immediate company. Consistency thou art indeed a jewel.

Bro. Holsinger in his expose of the Mallott scandal, set a good example for some others to follow. We mean those parties who are trying to make capital out of it against the Brethren.

We would like to be at the convention, but must be excused this time.

We will try and write a letter to the convention.

Many laboring men are trying to get away from here for the present. Many farmers are seeking employment elsewhere.

The writer goes to Winfield for employment tomorrow.

The South Haven church, though at present dead financially, is alive spiritually, and we mean to stick to it as long as possible, in the ministration of the word, pay or no pay. The *will* to obey God's ordinances is often quite satisfactory—sometimes more so than mere ability.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

South Haven, Kans.

Mulberry, Ind.

The Mt. Pleasant church was dedicated by Elder H. R. Holsinger on the 17th of July. The sermon was decidedly a product of his inventive mind, and the vast throng that had assembled seemed to be well pleased with his effort.

The brethren at this place have one of the finest buildings in the brotherhood. It has a seating capacity of from three hundred and fifty to four hundred. It is a frame structure, has beautiful stained glass windows, a large bell, and a fine organ to assist the people proclaim the "glad tidings of salvation." Not that they do not praise the Lord with their voices, but they are of the kind that believe in worshiping God with their heart, soul, mind and strength, and also in demonstrating their faith by their works, which is right.

After the dedication the brethren and sisters thought it would be prudent to hold a two weeks' meeting. Our cause has met with much opposition in this vicinity. Notwithstanding the sectarian prejudice, drouth, hot weather and busy times, the congregations were large and attentive. The immediate result of the meeting was four by baptism and one by relation with others on the way. Besides our people have been established in a good position for future work.

This is a large field, and the one thing needful is energy properly utilized with earnest, fervent prayer then victory is certain.

Would ask an interest in the prayers of the brotherhood for the success of the cause in this vicinity.

E. L. HILDEBRAND.

Beatrice, Neb.

Eld. S. C. Stump and I closed our meeting near Dorchester, Neb., on the 2nd inst. The immediate result of the meeting was an organization of eleven. On the same day we closed, the organization took place about 12 a. m. Preached the same evening at 8½, and four more came out on the Lord's side, three of which had belonged to the German Baptists. The other had not belonged to any church, as I was informed. Bro. Stump asked him when he desired baptism, tomorrow? no, tonight. Therefore Bro. Stump baptized him in the Turkey river the same hour of the night. When he came on the shore his Christian wife met and embraced him with open arms and tears of joy.

God bless his Zion at this place is my prayer. During our stay at this city, we visited Sister J. A. Zook, daughter of Bro. Daniel Crofford, of Pa. She is a member of the Brethren church and her husband, David Zook, is a minister in the Church of God. They live in Crete, a flourishing city of about three or four thousand population. We were made to feel at home with Bro. and Sister Zook, while we were with them and only regret that we could not stay longer. But we hope to meet them again in the near future.

After leaving this city and before we got to Dewitt Station, Bro. Stump took very ill with a chill. He had not been very well all that morning. We arrived at Beatrice at 3 p. m., and went to Dr. Funke's, son-in-law to Bro. Stump. Bro. Stump was a very sick man that night but is convalescent this morning, Aug. 4th.

I close by saying I expect to return home on the 15th on a visit of about ten days.

J. NICHOLSON.

The American Bible Society reports the entire circulation for the year ending March 31st at 1,447,270 volumes, of which 521,356 were distributed in foreign lands.

Glover's Gap, W. Va.

July 30.—Having carefully perused this week's EVANGELIST, I wish to let its readers know what a source of comfort it is to me. While under the parental roof I was a careful reader of the church paper, beginning with the *Gospel Preacher*. It was very dear to me, being the means of my conversion. Next comes the *Progressive Christian*, the first paper I ever wrote for. Lastly comes the EVANGELIST, dearer than all, it being my only preacher in my isolated condition. What a great source of comfort it is to read what others are doing for the Master's cause. Scarcely do I pick up a paper but what I see a letter or essay from some one I have seen or heard speak.

Oh ye brethren and sisters that enjoy church privileges, think how much good it does us to hear church news, especially from our home church, even your names does some one good.

How much good it would do me to see a correspondence from Aleppo, Pa., my old church home. My mind often goes back and wonders how the church is prospering, but nothing has appeared except three little letters from the children. So I must depend on them for news. Write often, dear children. Remember it does us older folks good to read your letters.

Last week's paper contains a letter from my little sister, Flora D. Murray. She says: "Mary, why don't you write? We look for your letter in every paper." It hasn't been very long since I wrote, but will not make any excuse for fear you will not understand.

Now Flora, you must remember you have three sisters instead of two. That dear little niece's mother has gone to the glory world, yet she is our sister still.

We live on the B. & O. R. R. about one mile from Glover's Gap, a R. R. station. It has a Methodist church under erection, the only church house closer than four miles from here.

The people here are Baptists, Methodists and O. P's. I am the only member of the Brethren church in this country and the first one the majority of this people ever saw. Our doctrine is unknown in this community except by private communication.

There never were but two sermons preached here by a Brethren minister. They were by Bro. J. M. Murray. He was highly praised by the people and I think much good could be done had we some preacher, as religion is in a very crippled condition in this community.

Brethren pray for me in my isolated condition that I may be faithful; and also for my companion that he may be brought into the fold.

MARY A. SNYDER.

In fourteen years 700 Protestant chapels have been built in Madagascar, making the present number 1,200. There are 8,000 Protestant communicants, and all the churches are self-supporting.